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TEXAN TOP 10

Our weekly series, which normally runs Thursday, will return tomorrow with a look at the best bathrooms on campus.

Downward dog

Join the club every Thursday to practice yoga asanas and meditation. Class is free and open to all skill levels. Yogi Dada Nabhaniilananda will join as a guest this week. Club meets from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Eastwoods Room in the Texas Union Building.

Go abroad

Learn about different opportunities for communications majors at the Study Abroad Festival hosted by Communication Council from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the CMA plaza. Admission is free.

Ye-Z in Love Sing-Along

Alamo Drafthouse is hosting a Beyonce and Jay-Z sing-along, chock full of 120 minutes of pure hip-hop genius. Event is at 9:45 p.m. at the Village location. Tickets are \$12.

Get Punchd!

Google is offering a free food truck lunch in the Co-op parking lot from 12-5 p.m. for early adopters of its new app, Punchd! Download the app online and show up for local wares and live music.

Today in history

In 1973

President Richard Nixon utters the famous statement that he is "not a crook" to newspaper editors gathered at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook," Nixon said. "Well, I'm not a crook. I've earned everything I've got."



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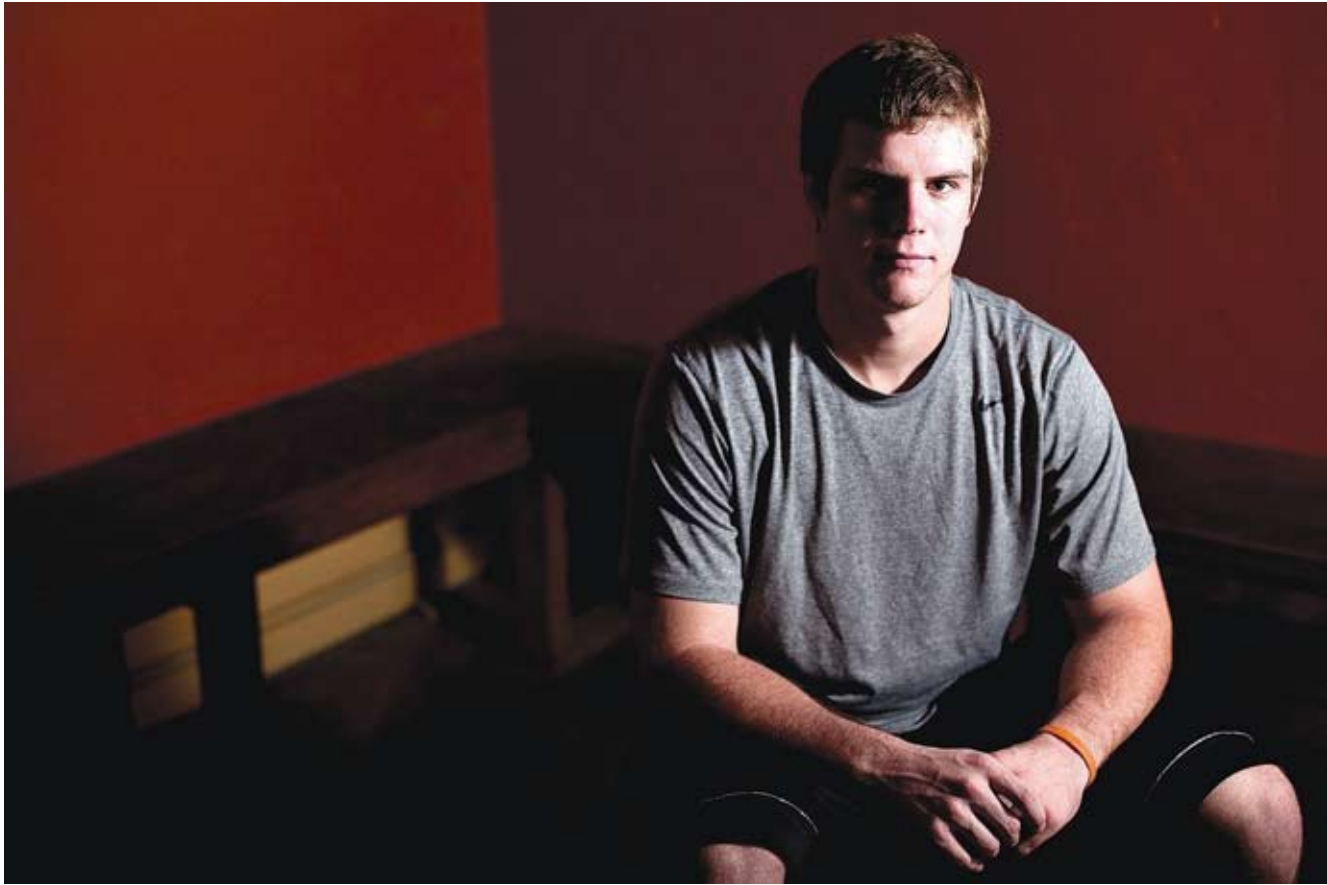
"When I work with an animal, I'll get a feeling, or I'll get pictures, or sometimes I'll get words. When that information comes forward, I have to trust it and put it out there, [and say] this is what I'm getting."

— Marti Miller
Pet psychologist

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GILBERT SAYS GOODBYE

Former starting quarterback: 'Expectations weren't too high'



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Former Longhorn quarterback Garrett Gilbert came to Texas with high expectations but left the program after a 7-7 record as a starter. Gilbert will enroll at Southern Methodist University in January and continue his career with the Mustangs.

By Christian Corona & Trey Scott
Daily Texan Staff

Feb. 7, 2008: "I am here to announce my commitment to the University of Texas ... I'm very excited about this opportunity. I feel very blessed ... It's been my dream ever since I moved to Austin."

Garrett Gilbert was the top-ranked

quarterback in the state and a senior-to-be for the Lake Travis Cavaliers when he committed to play football for the Texas Longhorns. With the Cavaliers, he won two state championships and rewrote the state's record books. Gilbert was expected to be the next great Texas quarterback. There was no doubt.

So how did he get here? How Gilbert, the most prolific quarterback in Texas high school history, finds himself in a

situation deemed impossible — benched, hurt and on his way out of town — is surreal, even to him.

"I don't know why it happened, but for whatever reason, it didn't work out [at Texas]," Gilbert told The Daily Texan. "All my focus is forward. I try not to get disappointed by the past because I feel like I've got a great opportunity ahead of me."

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INSIDE: Gilbert reflects on his career at Texas, looks ahead to SMU on page 9

Student leader faces backlash from comment about Obama

By Nick Hadjigeorge
Daily Texan Staff

Lauren Pierce, president of the UT College Republicans and secretary of the statewide Texas College Republicans, is facing the consequences of a tweet she posted voicing her opinion about President Barack Obama and referencing the gunfire directed at the White House last Friday.

"Y'all as tempting as it may be, don't shoot Obama," Pierce said in her tweet. "We need him to go down in history as the WORST president we've EVER had! #2012."

Pierce's tweet followed the news

of the Pennsylvania State Police's arrest of 21-year-old Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez in connection with the White House gunfire incident. Last Friday, gunshots were reported in front of the White House and bullets were found on White House grounds, according to the Associated Press. An assault-style rifle and empty shell cases were found in a car which were all tied to the suspect after shots were reported.

Pierce later apologized on Twitter, saying she regrets publishing the tweet and that it was in poor taste.

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Thanks Day event celebrates contributions to UT funding

By John Farey
Daily Texan Staff

Students participated in Thanks Day outside Gregory Gym on Wednesday by signing a giant thank-you card to be presented to UT's alumni and donors at a special Texas Exes Thanksgiving dinner next Thursday.

Donations are essential to securing UT's \$2.26 billion annual operating budget, said Julie Lucas, assistant director for development at the University Development Office.

Student tuition and fees only make up 24 percent, less than half the 54 percent provided annually by alumni gifts.

The event, organized by Students Hooked On Texas, was de-

signed to educate UT students on what it takes to create and fund a "Longhorn" education. Students filled in turkey-hand letters, writing the names of anyone they were thankful to on the fingers, to be sent to alumni. Lucas said donations have been very stable year to year despite the current economic climate. Donations were not being sought at Thanks Day, Lucas said.

"All we want to do is say thank you to everyone who participates, whether they're UT parents, alumni, donors, faculty, staff, taxpayers, state legislators and everyone else, for helping to make our students' education possible," Lucas said.

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Controversial longhorn will not attend game

By John Farey
Daily Texan Staff

The "horns down" longhorn that generated controversy in online forums will not appear during the halftime show at the annual Thanksgiving football rivalry between UT and Texas A&M, said an A&M spokesman.

Since first being posted online in the forum section of the Texas A&M website around Nov. 8, a photo depicting a longhorn whose horns have been purposefully weighed down so that they curl under the chin has spawned animal welfare concerns from Longhorns, Aggies and animal activists. The original photo was removed without explanation, but a post containing the image on the Texas Exes' Alcalde blog has generated 49,750 hits in just more than 24 hours.

Jason Cook, spokesman for the Texas A&M University System, said the photo was not endorsed by A&M, confirming that the longhorn will not be appearing at halftime during the game as originally rumored.

"Any rumor of [this longhorn] appearing at halftime is totally false," Cook said. "Texas A&M has always treated our rivalry with the University of Texas with the utmost respect and dignity, and Thursday will be no exception."

Some fans have expressed concern online that weighing down horns is a form of animal cruelty. Ryan Huling, manager of College Campaigns for PETA, an animal rights group, said he was suspicious that the animal was suffering. "Manipulating horns can cause pain and alter a longhorn's sense of balance," Huling said. "It's our belief that this animal is in pain and all for the senseless purpose of school rivalry. Longhorns are intelligent and gentle animals, and



Photo courtesy of hornsfan.com

A photo of a longhorn with its horns deliberately formed down appeared in a forum several days ago. An A&M spokesman said if the photo was legitimate, the school had no involvement with it.

while we appreciate Aggie spirit, the stunt lacks general sensibility."

Rumors also circulated from fans who believed the picture had been modified using computer software.

Laura Standley, editor-in-chief of Texas Longhorn Trails Magazine, the official publication of the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America, says she believes the photo is authentic. It

is the first case she had seen of a longhorn without horns resembling the distinctive style made famous by the UT trademark.

"It is real, but I don't know of anybody weighing a longhorn's horns down for any reason," Standley said. "It doesn't hurt them. There was no harming the animal in anyway."

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Looming tuition increase causes student distress

By Liz Farmer
Daily Texan Staff

Students have voiced concerns about possible tuition increases which are intended to improve four-year graduation rates and worry that those goals favor timely graduation rates over quality education.

About 50 people attended a Tuition Policy Advisory Committee forum about tuition recommendations for 2012-2014 on Wednesday. TPAC is considering recommending the largest tuition increases that the UT System will allow in order to cover budget shortfalls.

The committee will make their tuition recommendations to President William Powers Jr. on Nov. 28 and Powers will recommend his own tuition policies to the UT System Board of Regents on how to set tuition for 2012-2014. The UT System administration set a 2.6 percent cap on tuition increases for in-state undergraduates and a 3.6 percent increase for all other students. The System gave directives that any tuition increase should be tied to improving four-year graduation rates.

Business freshman Sunny Das pointed to the proposed 3.6 percent tuition increase for non-resident students like himself. Das said he wondered whether UT would become less-desirable for non-resident students if tuition increased.

Student Government President Natalie Butler, a TPAC member, said as a non-resident student herself, she thinks the University recognizes the value of students from outside of Texas, but the state legislature emphasizes educating Texans as more important.

"I think the more of us here the better," Butler said.

Social work senior Faith Sandberg said she claimed AP credits for college credit at a much lower cost than the tuition for the same credits. Sandberg asked if TPAC has considered increasing fees to keep the proposed

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Where did my Ryan go?

FOR THE RECORD

Correction: Because of a reporting error, Wednesday's page 1 news story about plus/minus grading misidentified the Senate of College Councils.

Correction: Because of a reporting error, Tuesday's page 1 news story about Frank Warren should have said the event was hosted by the Distinguished Speakers Committee.

Ex-council member discusses LGBTQ issues

By Kayla Jonsson
Daily Texan Staff

UT alumna and former Student Government president Randi Shade served on the Austin city council from 2008 to 2011 and worked under three different governors, in addition to serving on several committees and holding membership in numerous local and national organizations.

No longer serving on city council, Shade now serves as mother to two young children and lives in central Austin with her partner, Kayla Shell.

Shade said she was open about her sexuality while running for city council but does not promote gay issues as her main agenda. Shade said she is proud she ran openly because she stayed true to her-

self and said she is a better person for it.

"My son is only 5 and doesn't understand this now, but I don't want him to think I was ever embarrassed of who I am," she said.

Shade said she was surprised when she heard there had not been a gay council member in Austin, calling the city "a blueberry in red tomato soup," meaning the only area with Democrats surrounded by a large area of Republicans.

"Unlike most cities in America, really the world, Austin does not have a gay ghetto," Shade said. "In Austin, the liberals fight the liberals. The fact that I was a businesswoman actually hurt me more than that I was gay."

Members of the Harvey Milk Society, an LGBTQ student group within the LBJ School of Pub-

lic Affairs, invited Shade to speak Wednesday.

Shade said she respects the work of the openly gay 1978 San Francisco city councilman Harvey Milk because he led the way for others to be accepted and run for political offices no matter what their sexuality.

"Harvey Milk's main identity was being a gay activist," Shade said. "Being gay is not my main identity. You can't only focus on your agenda where this is a much larger contingency to represent."

Asha Daneel, Harvey Milk Society lead coordinator and textile and merchandise graduate student, said she was excited to hear from Shade.

"Harvey Milk is our mascot, of sorts, because he was a gay politician, and as part of the school of



Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Randi Shade discusses her experience as Austin's first openly gay city councilwoman on Wednesday night.

affairs, we try to stick to that area," Daneel said.

Daneel said members are really trying to reach out to students across campus and not only within the LBJ school.

"This is my first year at UT, and I identify as queer, so I wanted to be part of that community," said Alice Bufkin, public affairs graduate student and member of the Harvey Milk Society.

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More than 1,500 students participated in Thanks Day last year, said Lucas.

Government sophomore Hannah Tucker, Students Hooked On Texas philanthropy council member, said it was important to increase the culture of giving on campus.

Tucker said the aim of the event was to get enough handwritten messages to send every single donor a personalized message.

"We want students to appreciate all the donors and what they make possible," Tucker said.

Students Hooked on Texas was formed in 1998 with the purpose of providing education for students about the impact of philanthropy at UT. The organization sports a graphic representation of funding's importance in the shape of a cow on the group's brochure.

Student Government spokeswoman Sydney Fazende said she does not think students are fully aware of how much of UT's funding is reliant on donors.

"This campaign is all about letting students know how important donations are," Fazende said. "I didn't know how much alumni donations made up before Thanks Day, but the cow graphic has been really effective in demonstrating the funding breakdown."

Management information systems junior Veronica Becerra filled in the giant card with a message reading "Thank you for the support, my education is thanks to you."

"All the private donations that come in are just so important," Becerra said. "Without them, I wouldn't be able to [go] here."



Trent Lesikar | Daily Texan Staff

Computer science sophomore Steven Tran writes a note in Mandarin on a wall-sized thank you card in the Gregory Gym plaza on Wednesday.



@laurenepierce
Lauren Pierce

Y'all as tempting as it may be, don't shoot Obama. We need him to go down in history as the WORST president we've EVER had! #2012

Courtesy of Twitter

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"It's never funny to joke about such a serious matter," Pierce tweeted. "I have learned a very valuable lesson."

John Chapman, public relations director for the UT College Republicans, said the organization has asked her to resign from both of her positions because the

language used in her message was contrary to their principles.

"Our message is to foster professional and respectful discussion at the University," Chapman said. "Even though we might disagree with Obama, implying or attempting to commit violence is not positive, constructive or acceptable discussion."

Chapman said Pierce was unavailable for comment about the tweet.

Chapman said the public's reaction to the tweet is a lesson for all to understand the implications of statements made on social media sites.

"This is going to make people sit back and think, 'Hey, I need to think before I post this,'" Chapman said. "What you say on Twitter is very public and can reflect on yourself and the organization

you represent."

Chapman said a temporary president will be appointed to serve until the organization's general elections take place at the end of this semester.

Cameron Miculka, vice president of the UT University Democrats, said all Texans should condemn Pierce's tweet regardless of their political affiliation because of the potentially dangerous implications of the message.

"For a UT student to joke about killing the president being 'tempting' is nothing short of disgraceful," Miculka said. "What one individual might see as a joke, another may take as a challenge."

Government lecturer Shannon Bow O'Brien said she thinks Pierce's tweet was intended to be funny but was inappropriate nonetheless.

"The president is an elected official, and our system allows us to express opinions through voting, not violence," Bow O'Brien said. "The student is likely getting a harsh lesson that as the elected president of a group, her voice carries weight."

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Becky Rus, CEO of Live-stock Concepts, a store selling horn weights, said the owners of the longhorn would have started "training" the horns of the calf once they reached six inches long, or at about one year of age. Horn weights are usually purchased by Hereford cattle breeders wanting to achieve a certain horn shape for competition but are never used on longhorns, Rus said.

"It has to do with the standard of the breed," Rus said. "Breeders want Herefords to look a certain way, but selective breeding has changed the gene pool over time. To make them look like the standard Hereford, they put weights on them."

Next Thursday's game will be the last time the two teams square off before Texas A&M's scheduled move to the Southeastern Conference in July 2012.



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

Executive vice president and provost Steven Leslie answers questions at a public forum regarding tuition hikes in the Main Building on Wednesday afternoon.

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tuition raise lower.

TPAC co-chair Kevin Hegarty, vice president and chief financial officer, said TPAC prefers to make financial adjustments through tuition so it is not done through fees which can pile up on students. Hegarty said another reason TPAC prefers to increase tuition instead of fees is that it increases the funding pool for financial aid. State law mandates that public universities must allocate 20 percent of tuition revenue towards financial aid.

In regards to improving four-year graduation rates, Hegarty said he thinks the Board of Regents is approaching higher education with strategies seen in the corporate world.

"I can't pretend to know what's going on in their mind," Hegarty said. "This is an education process, we're human beings. That's what makes this business very, very different."

Transfer students are not counted in four-year graduation rates since they do not attend the University from their first year. Social Work junior Gwen Cubit said transfer students will not reap the benefits associated with improving four-year graduation rates.

Cubit said transfer students

face different needs than students who attend the University from their freshman year.

"I don't see transfer students represented much," Cubit said.

Liberal arts sophomore Jordan Metoyer, said the pressure from the UT System does not seem as transparent as the funding pressure from the state. Metoyer is the Student Government underrepresented students agency director and said first-generation students face many financial burdens that make it difficult to graduate in four years like the UT System directives emphasize.

"It seems like they're trying to get us in and out," Metoyer said. "For a student whose the first in college, that's not as easy as it sounds."

TPAC co-chair Steven Leslie, executive vice-president and provost, said TPAC is trying to balance the pressure from the UT System to improve four-year graduation rates while maintaining Tier 1 status and providing students with an environment in which they can explore their career options.

The committee will hold a forum Nov. 30 to get student feedback about its tuition recommendations to Powers before he makes recommendations to the Board of Regents.

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Gingrich defends big contracts with unpopular mortgage giant

By Pete Yost & Thomas Beaumont
The Associated Press

URBANDALE, Iowa — Rising in polls and receiving greater scrutiny, Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich found himself on the defensive Wednesday over huge payments he received over the past decade from the mortgage giant Freddie Mac.

Gingrich, who now is near the top in polling on the GOP race, said he didn't remember exactly how much he was paid, but a person familiar with the hiring said it was at least \$1.6 million for consulting contracts stretching from 1999 to early 2008. The person spoke on condition of anonymity in order address a personnel matter.

Long unpopular among Republicans, federally backed Freddie Mac and its larger sister institution, Fannie Mae, have become targets for criticism stemming from the housing crisis that helped drive the nation deep into recession and then hampered recovery. Gingrich himself criticized Barack Obama in 2008 for accepting contributions from executives of the two companies.

Speaking with reporters in Iowa on Wednesday, Gingrich said he provided "strategic advice for a long period of time" after he resigned as House speaker following his party's losses in the 1998 elections. He defended Freddie Mac's role in housing finance and said, "every American should be interested in expanding housing opportunities."

On Tuesday, a House committee voted to strip top executives of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae of huge salaries and bonuses and to put them on the same pay scale as federal employees. After disastrous losses, both companies were taken over by the government in 2008, and since then a federal regulator has controlled their financial decisions.

During the 2008 campaign, Gingrich suggested in a Fox News interview that presidential candidate Obama should return contributions he had received from executives of the two companies. He said that in a debate with Obama, GOP presidential nominee John McCain "should have turned and said, 'Senator Obama, are you prepared to give back all the money that Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae gave you?'"

Gingrich sought Wednesday to portray his history with Freddie Mac as a sign of valuable experience.

"It reminds people that I know a great deal about Washington," he said. "We just tried four years of ama-

teur ignorance, and it didn't work very well. So having someone who actually knows Washington might be a really good thing."

At least one of his rivals assailed him over the matter. "It doesn't matter if it's \$300,000 or \$2 million, the point is the money that was taken by Newt Gingrich was taken to influence Republicans in Congress to be in support of Fannie and Freddie," Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann said in a telephone interview. "While Newt was taking money from Fanny and Freddie I was fighting against them."

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac buy home loans from banks and other lenders, package them into bonds with a guarantee against default and then sell them to investors around the world. The two own or guarantee about half of all U.S. mortgages.

Gingrich's history at Freddie Mac began in 1999, when he was hired by the company's top lobbyist, Mitchell Delk. He was brought in for strategic consulting, primarily on legislative and regulatory issues, the company said at the time. That job, which paid about \$30,000 a month, lasted until sometime in 2002.

In 2006, Gingrich was hired again on a two-year contract that paid him \$300,000 annually, again to provide strategic advice while the company fended off attacks from the right wing of the Republican Party.

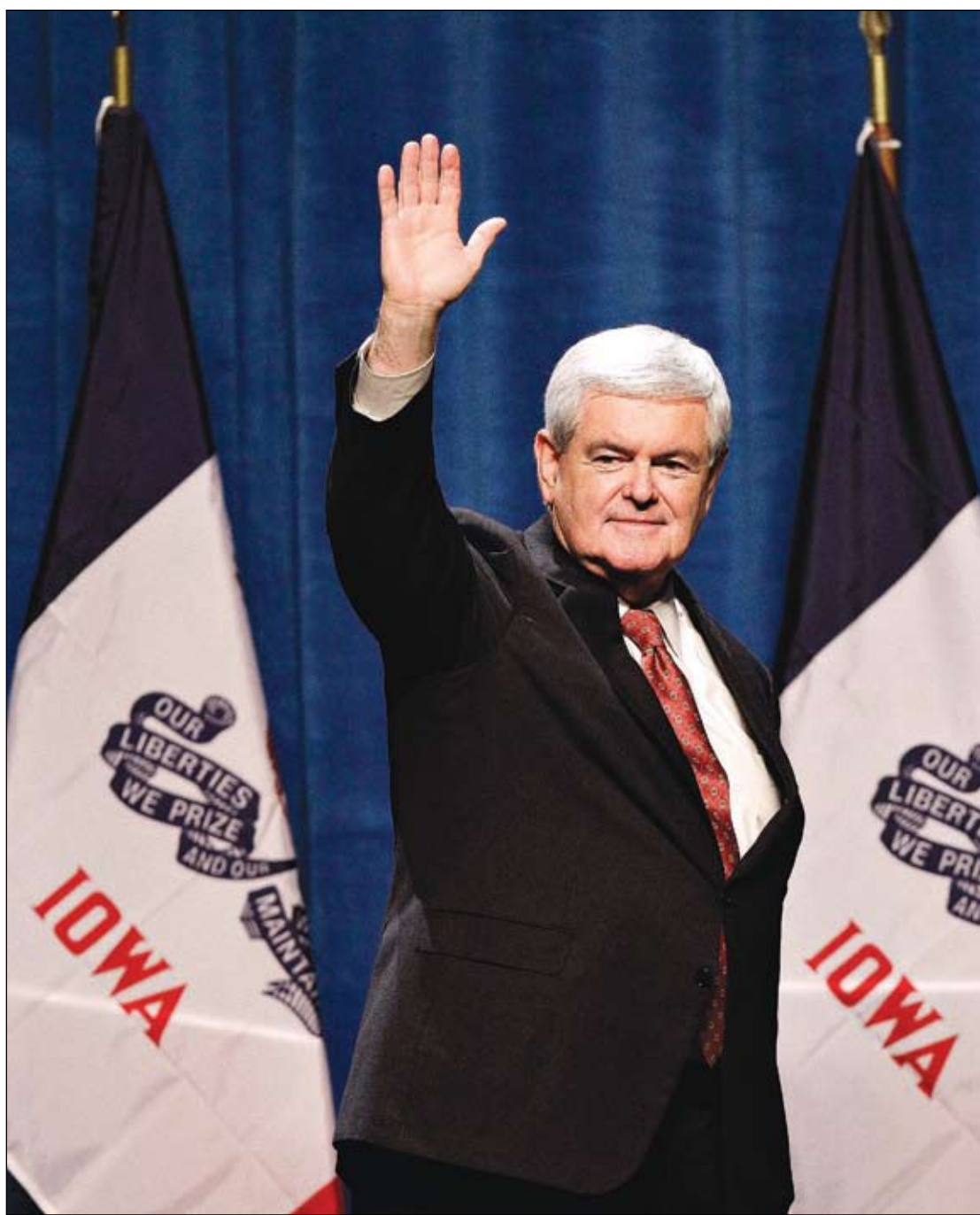
Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae for years had been under scrutiny from Republicans on Capitol Hill who opposed government involvement in the mortgage business and wanted to scale back the companies' size and impose tough regulation.

In last Wednesday's Republican presidential debate, Gingrich sought to explain his role at Freddie Mac as that of a "historian" sounding dire warnings about the company's future.

Former executives dispute Gingrich's description of his role.

Four people close to Freddie Mac say he was hired to strategize with his employer about identifying political friends on Capitol Hill who would help the company through a very difficult legislative environment. All four spoke only on condition of anonymity to discuss the personnel matter freely.

Before he resigned from Congress, Gingrich was working off debt he had taken on while he was in public life. He had been paying \$1,000 per month to an ex-wife in alimony and more for child support and college for two daughters, according to di-



Charlie Neibergall | Associated Press

Republican presidential hopeful former House Speaker Newt Gingrich waves after speaking at the Iowa Republican Party's Ronald Reagan Dinner on Nov. 4 in Des Moines, Iowa.

voice records and financial disclosure forms. The former House speaker also had been fined \$300,000 for giving misleading information to investigators during a congressional ethics probe, which he paid off in 1999.

Gingrich's contract with Freddie Mac in 1999 came

at the start of his most profitable years. He earned up to \$50,000 for speaking engagements, signed radio and TV deals and started his own consulting firm, The Gingrich Group, all of which brought in income. Gingrich had a net worth of at least \$6.7 million last year, according to disclosure documents.

Moroccans and Syrian expatriates gesture as they hold a Syrian during a protest in solidarity with the Syrian people, in Rabat, Morocco, outside the Moroccan foreign ministry as the Arab League foreign ministers meet in Rabat, Morocco on Wednesday.



Abdeljalil Bounhar
Associated Press

Arab League acknowledges Syria's suspension

By Paul Schemm
The Associated Press

RABAT, Morocco — The Arab League confirmed the suspension of Syria from the organization on Wednesday and gave its government three days to halt the violence and accept an observer mission or face economic sanctions.

The suspension — first announced by the Arab League on Saturday and confirmed during the meeting — is a surprisingly harsh and highly unusual move for a member of Syria's standing.

Qatari Foreign Minister Hamad bin Jassim told reporters following the day-long meeting in Rabat, Morocco, that Syria is being offered the chance to end the violence against civilians and implement a peace plan that the Arab League outlined on Nov. 2. The U.N. estimates that more than 3,500 people have been killed in Syria's 8-month-old uprising.

"The Syrian government has to sign the protocol sent by the Arab League and end all violence against demonstrators," he said, adding that it has three days. "Economic sanctions are certainly possible, if the Syrian government does not respond. But we are conscious that such sanctions would touch the Syrian people."

The protocol calls for an observer mission of 30-50 members under the auspices of the Arab League to ensure that Syria is following the Arab plan, calling for the regime to halt its attacks on protesters, pull tanks and armored vehicles out of cities, release political prisoners, and

allow journalists and rights groups into the country.

The protocol did not specifically say if Syria's suspension from the organization has remained in force, but an official from the Moroccan Foreign Ministry confirmed that is the case. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk with the media.

The Arab League also demanded the withdrawal of Syria's representative to the organization.

"In the light of insulting and undiplomatic words of the permanent Syrian representative, the Arab League is asking the Syrian government to withdraw its representative," said the League statement, without identifying the behavior in question.

The Arab League has rarely taken decisive actions to deal with crises in the Arab world out of reluctance to criticize fellow governments. But in this case, several members have described their forceful engagement in the Syrian situation as a way of staying off the kind of foreign intervention that took place in Libya earlier this year. NATO's bombing campaign against Libya took place less than a month after it was suspended by the Arab League on Feb. 22.

"Arab leaders don't have a legacy of commenting and interfering in domestic events in Arab countries, so now this is a turning point for the Arab League," said Gamal Abdel Gawad, a Cairo-based commentator on Arab affairs.

"Arab governments are being exposed to pressure from their public, from the

Syrian people and on the international level, so the Arab League has to do something — they can't keep staying on the sidelines," he added.

Even Turkey, which once had close ties with Syria, has expressed increasing concern over the situation across the border.

"We denounce the mass murder of the Syrian people," said Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, who was in Morocco for a meeting on Arab-Turkish ties. "It is all of our responsibility to end the bloodshed in Syria."

Bin Jassim of Qatar declined to give any details about possible economic sanctions against Syria, if it refuses the observer mission. But the Arab news channel al-Arabiya suggested they would likely take place in coordination with Turkey and include the energy sector.

Its suspension from the Arab League has enraged Syria, which considers itself a bastion of Arab nationalism. Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Mouallem boycotted Wednesday's meeting.

The threat of Arab sanctions comes on top of rising threats of sanctions from European countries and the United States as well leaving Syria even more isolated.

Arab League Secretary General Nabil al-Arabi confirmed that the organization has been in touch with the Syrian opposition and said it has identified 16 regions in particular that needed to be monitored.

"We have spoken with the Syrian opposition on all topics, but they never requested weapons," he added.

Email outlines reaction to alleged Sandusky attack, adds twist to case

By Genaro Arma, Mark Scoloro
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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — A day after the former Penn State assistant football coach who is charged with sexual abuse of boys declared his innocence in a television interview, an email surfaced from a key witness against him, saying he stopped an alleged attack in the team's showers.

Mike McQueary, the graduate assistant who a grand jury report said saw Jerry Sandusky allegedly sodomizing a boy in the locker room, said he stopped the act and went to police. That added confusion to the already emotionally raw situation that has enveloped Penn State University and resulted in the firing of coach Joe Paterno, the ousting of president Graham Spanier and charges of perjury against the athletic director and a former senior vice president.

The Nov. 8 email from McQueary to a friend, made available to The Associated Press, said: "I did stop it, not physically ... but made sure it was stopped when I left that locker room ... I did have discussions with police and with the official at the university in charge of police no one can imagine my thoughts or wants to be in my shoes for those 30-45 seconds ... trust me."

McQueary is a former player and current assistant coach who was placed on indefinite paid leave last week after school officials said he had received threats. Emails sent to him seeking comment were not immediately returned.

On Monday night, Sandusky said in an NBC television interview that he showered with and "horsed around" with boys but was innocent of criminal charges, a statement that has stunned legal observers. Sandusky's comments, they said, could be used by prosecutors trying to convict him of child sexual abuse charges.

"Mr. Sandusky goes on worldwide television and admits he did everything the prosecution claims he did, except for the ultimate act of rape or sodomy? If I were

a prosecutor, I'd be stunned," said Lynne Abraham, the former district attorney of Philadelphia. "I was stunned, and then I was revolted."

The state grand jury investigation that led to Sandusky's arrest followed a trail that goes back at least 13 years, leading to questions from some quarters about whether law enforcement moved too slowly.

The grand jury report detailed a 1998 investigation by Penn State police, begun after an 11-year-old boy's mother complained that Sandusky had showered with her son in the football facilities. Then-District Attorney Ray Gricar declined to file charges.

Another apparent missed opportunity came in the 2002 incident that McQueary reported to Paterno.

The case took on new urgency about two years ago, when a woman complained to officials at her local school district that Sandusky had sexually assaulted her son. School district officials banned him from school grounds and contacted police, leading to an investigation by state police, the attorney general's office and the grand jury.

Gov. Tom Corbett took the case on a referral from the Centre County district attorney in early 2009 while he was serving as attorney general.

He bristled Tuesday when asked whether it was fair for people to criticize the pace of the probe.

"People that are saying that are ill-informed as to how investigations are conducted, how witnesses are developed, how backup information, corroborative information is developed, and they really don't know what they're talking about," he told reporters.

The attorney general's office declined to comment on the pace of the investigation.

The Patriot-News of Harrisburg reported Monday that only one trooper was assigned to the case after the state took it over in 2009. After Corbett became governor early this year and his former investigations supervisor in the attorney general's office, Frank Noonan, became state police commissioner, seven more investigators were put on it, the newspaper said.

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OVERVIEW

A subtle nod of approval

Members of the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee indicated Wednesday in their second open forum of the semester that they are considering recommending a 2.6-percent tuition increase for resident undergraduate students for the next two years.

The committee will submit a tuition recommendation for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years to President William Powers Jr. on Nov. 28 and will host its last open forum of the year on Nov. 30. Powers will submit his recommendation to the Board of Regents by Dec. 15.

The Board of Regents enumerated directives to which TPAC should adhere, including tying requests for increases to improving the University's four-year graduation rate, a goal Powers outlined in his State of the University Address earlier this fall. The committee must also cap requests for increases at 2.6 percent for undergraduate resident tuition and at 3.6 percent for graduate and non-resident undergraduate tuition.

Straying away from their usually neutral dialogue through the year, TPAC openly revealed this week that it is considering a tuition increase. This decision differs from the group's approach in 2009, the last tuition-setting year, when no substantive information was released until the committee submitted its recommendation to Powers. Stuck between reduced state funding and an increase-request cap, TPAC is left in the shackled position of selling to students, faculty and administrators a number between zero and the board-determined 2.6-percent maximum.

The forum was the committee's opportunity to gauge the University community's reaction to the potential increase. The lack of a strong opposition to it gives TPAC a subtle nod of approval, giving the committee one fewer reason to hesitate in requesting a tuition hike.

An alternative to grade inflation



By Rui Shi
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Last week, a column in The Daily Texan suggested that universities should inflate grades in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) courses to satisfy worker shortages in those fields. This argument, however, is fundamentally flawed and does a disservice to the integrity of higher education. Filling spots in technical fields with unqualified workers and hoping for the best is a cop-out solution, which would make a bad situation worse.

All STEM fields have bottom-up approaches to teaching, which means that classes taken later in one's degree plan build on the fundamentals learned in earlier ones.

The reason that STEM majors have high dropout rates is because students are unable to grasp the fundamentals. If a first-year student is unprepared and unable to pass an entry level "weed-out" class, then the University has no reason to bail him out by inflating his grades. By inflating grades, the University does a disservice to both the student, by proliferating his shortcomings further along his education, and to itself, by damaging its reputation of producing qualified employees.

Once a graduate enters the industry, he can longer fake his way through important assignments and projects. While on-job training can ameliorate the situation, it is a poor substitute for a rigorous education. An electrical engineer will use the four Maxwell Equations he learned during his first years of college for the rest of his career. But if he was able to avoid learning the material and was passed on regardless due to grade inflation, he will be unprepared for his future career, setting him up for failure.

The reality of STEM fields is harsh because tech companies and research institutes expect entry-level employees to know their stuff. If students are unable to fulfill the minimum requirements of their majors, then there is no reason for them to stay in that field because UT has to uphold its reputation of being one of the top producers of quality scientists, engineers and mathematicians.

UT, however, can improve the situation in STEM programs with an alternative approach: by restructuring the undergraduate course schedule.

The current course schedule follows the conventional method of requiring students to choose four to five classes for 12 to 17 hours per week. While this system is the norm at the majority of U.S. universities, it has certain problems — namely, the fact that students can feel overwhelmed juggling multiple course loads at once.

With the regular schedule, students are forced to divvy up their focus and are unable to completely concentrate on any one subject. Rather than becoming an expert at a certain class, students become the proverbial jack of all trades, master of none. This reduces their chances to completely grasp the critical fundamentals. To solve this problem, UT should shift toward a block plan.

Following the model at Colorado College, the block plan is as follows: A student takes four "blocks," or classes, per semester one block at a time with each block lasting three and a half weeks. Each class typically meets from 9 a.m. to noon but can last as long as necessary, with labs scheduled in the afternoon. At the conclusion of a block, students get a four-and-a-half day break.

The block plan allows students to get the most out of a class because they are able to completely immerse themselves in a particular subject area. Students are therefore more focused and attentive, which will help them achieve a deeper level of understanding of the fundamentals. This system also allows for greater flexibility, as students will have more time in labs and will have the chance to get hands-on experience and to pursue individual research interests.

Each course will be the most important course that a student takes because he or she will no longer have to prioritize competing assignments and tests. Students will no longer have to cram for four tests at once. Rather, they can focus all their energy on understanding the material for a single test. On top of all this, students will receive a more personalized experience and more one-on-one time with their professor because they meet every day.

The block plan has many merits, and UT should give it some serious consideration. Instead of downgrading the quality of higher education for the sake of quantity, universities need to look to alternative ways of improving retention rates while maintaining quality.

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THE FIRING LINE

Musick's report hits the wrong note

Marc Musick, associate dean at the College of Liberal Arts, prepared a study of the productivity of UT professors.

Two sources of revenue are examined: The first is general support to UT by the State. After determining the total amount to devote to four-year higher education, the Legislature computes individual institutional allotments by formulas based on semester credit hours taught, weighted by subject and the status of the teacher. The second source of revenue is grants obtained by a professor to conduct research.

Musick computes the amounts "generated" by professors of different classes — such as senior faculty, junior faculty, those in science, etc. — and concludes that the highest-paid faculty, as a group, "brought in \$218 million in research and formula funding" while receiving total compensation of \$107 million. He offers this as support for a conclusion of high "productivity."

The research funds brought to the University by a professor can correctly be attributed to the professor's research, but the general state support, while using semester credit hours as a metric for its distribution, can be and is used for any academic purpose.

If the amount of state support distributed according to the semester-credit-hour formula were applied to specific professors, it would cover only a part of the expenses of providing instruction. Activities not measured by semester credit hours, including the admissions office, President William Powers Jr.'s salary, electricity, library maintenance, must be met. The "generating revenue" analysis offered by Musick would suggest that a Texas university would improve its financial position by hiring ever more senior faculty. Huh?

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The slippery slope of defunding the arts

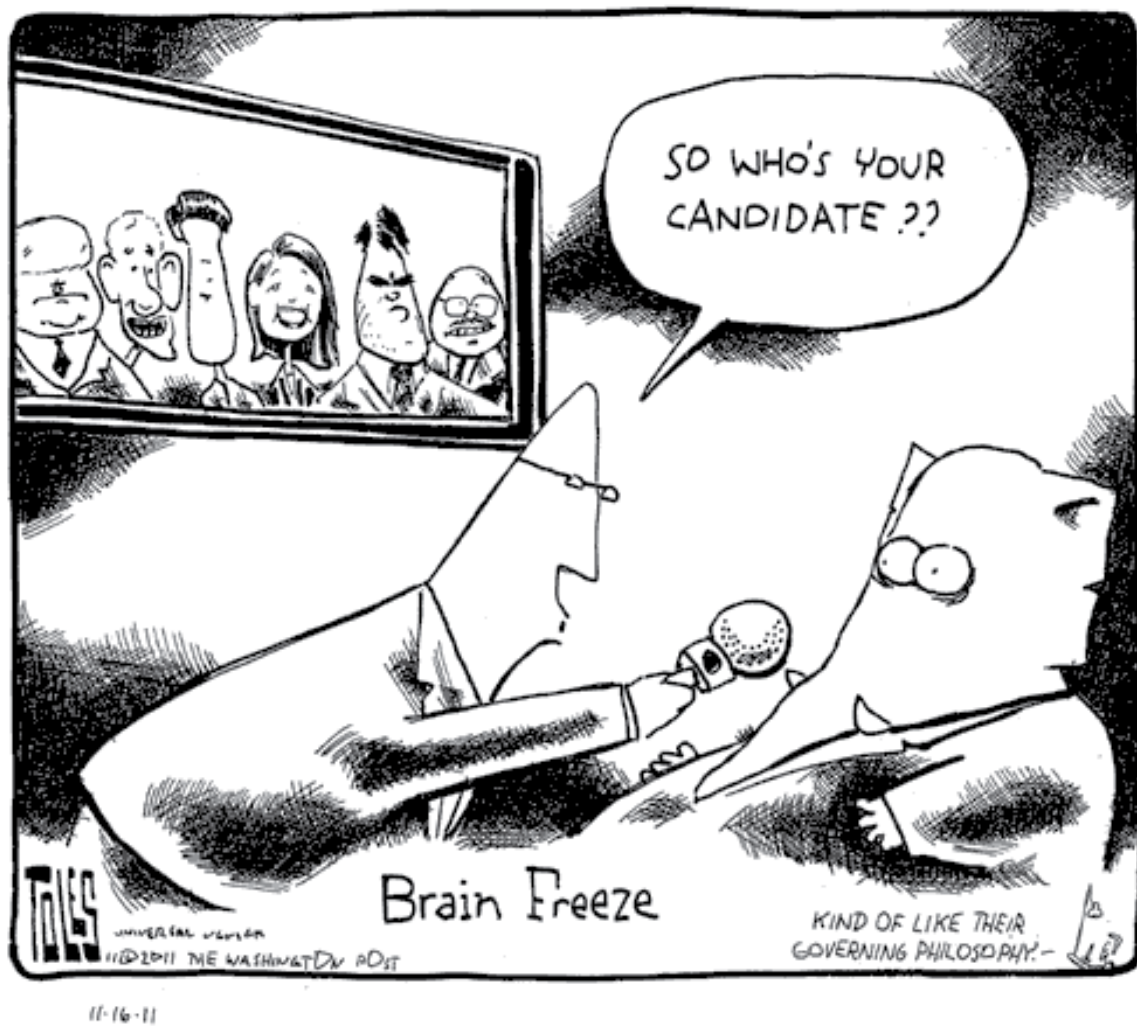
I take issue with Samian Quazi's column published Wednesday in The Daily Texan titled, "The questionable value of arts programs." The unspoken premise underlying Quazi's argument is that the purpose of education is vocational training; consequently, if a particular academic major does not lead directly to a paycheck, its value is to be questioned.

Of course, if one is aiming for a career in technology or accounting or computing, specific technical training is necessary at the college level. But when did the sole purpose of education become the accumulation of cash? I find it ironic that the fields Quazi mentions as viable — business, law, computer science and medicine — are all rife with corruption and turmoil and seem to possess no ethical center of gravity. When making money is the end of all human endeavor, then we will do whatever it takes to make money in these fields, crossing any and all ethical boundaries.

I for one am tired of "MBA thinking," or the bottom-line mentality; it is destroying the fabric of our society. If you start by defunding visual and performing arts, then next will come the study of literature and then the humanities at large. Might as well throw out history, too — what jobs can one possibly land with a history degree? Goodbye, philosophy. What will remain?

The economy and the job market are social constructs and are in their present condition because our society has built them that way. Rather than jettisoning fields of inquiry that explore and enrich human values, we should use our creativity and resources to determine how we can integrate these fields into our lives and our economy in the 21st century.

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End the chauvinist mentality



By Katherine Taylor
Daily Texan Columnist

Who runs the world? Girls. I wish more than anything that statement were true.

Sadly, it should read something closer to "Who's the poorest? Girls." This week, Soraya Chemaly of the Huffington Post reported that women own 1 percent of the world's property even though "they perform 66 percent of the world's work, produce 50 percent of its food and earn a whopping 10 percent of its income."

This disproportional rate between labor worked and income earned persists at every level of society. Across the United States, women earn 80 percent of what men earn during their first year out of college, according to a 2007 report by CNN. Sadly, that discrepancy only widens the more time passes.

We feel this issue at UT as well. The 2007 Gender Equity Task Force Report reveals that female professors earned on average \$9,028 less than their male counterparts.

The gender pay gap is more than just a feminist issue; it's an economic one as well. According to the United Nations' gender report,

the United States' Gross Domestic Product would be 9 percent higher if women's paid employment rates were raised to the same level as men's.

Given the seriousness of this problem, it's important to first figure out why it exists in order to understand how to solve it. Since women outnumber and outscore men at every degree level and are predicted to account for 59 percent of undergraduate enrollment and 61 percent of graduate enrollment nationwide in less than a decade, according to the Washington Post, then educational attainment is not what's preventing women from catching up to their male peers in terms of income.

Instead, it's something much more insidious: implicit, pervasive chauvinism. You see it and experience it every single day. When you write a paper and mistakenly attribute a female author's opinion to a man because it sounds more academic; when a cute, blonde girl tells you she's an engineering major and you laugh at the incredulity of that statement; when you emotionally manipulate a woman into thinking she's overreacting just because you know all women are 'crazy'; when the testimony of each of four eye witnesses of sexual harassment

and misconduct is discredited to the point that two-thirds of Republicans say it won't affect their support of presidential hopeful Herman Cain.

It's this kind of behavior that creates a mentality that puts men above women and takes away the strength of women's voices. When stripped of their voices, women are victimized — first by the perpetrators of violent acts committed against them and then by the society that refuses to listen to them.

Think about the millions of women worldwide who have been sexually violated. Do they have a voice to defend themselves? Not if we don't take the time to listen to them.

One step we can take to end this mentality is to quit paying women less for work that is equal to the work of their male counterparts. When we pay women less than what they are worth, we devalue their work and create a culture that devalues their voice as well. The University has a responsibility to do its part to end chauvinism. UT should end pay inequality on this campus and pay female faculty members at a rate equal to their male counterparts.

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Energy company BP donated \$40,000 to UT in an effort to help preserve the Glen Rose dinosaur tracks housed outside the Texas Memorial Museum.

Dinosaur tracks to be preserved in museum

By Jennifer Berke
Daily Texan Staff

Efforts to save the Glen Rose dinosaur tracks from extinction and to preserve them for generations to come are in the works because of the Texas Natural Science Center and outside donors.

The British Petroleum oil and gas company donated \$40,000 to the Help Save the Tracks campaign, said Susan Romberg, spokeswoman for the Texas Natural Science Center. The center's goal is to raise \$1 million for the preservation of the dinosaur tracks.

The tracks were discovered in 1938 near Glen Rose by the Paluxy River in northern Texas, said Ed Theriot, director of the Texas Memorial Museum and professor in the College of Natural Sciences. He said some of the tracks were moved to a small building located next to the Texas Memorial Museum on the UT campus, while some of them were moved to the American Museum of Natural History.

"Scientists think that the tracks show two dinosaurs — one large dinosaur who is 'stalking' a smaller dinosaur," Romberg said. "It's beyond way cool. These are actually the first documented track findings

of a theropod."

The campaign has received many small individual donations online as well as from other organizations, such as Tokyo Electron America, Romberg said.

There is no exact cutoff for how long the preservation project could be pushed on, Theriot said.

"The basic issue is that where they are, they are exposed to extreme temperature and humidity shifts," Theriot said. "They were basically laid on the ground on concrete, but even concrete is porous to moisture. There are various salts in the rock that cause the rock to deteriorate, and eventually, the rock will crumble."

Theriot said reparations should be done sooner rather than later.

"The longer they sit there, the more detail they will lose," Theriot said. "They've been here for about 60 years, and while they're not going to crumble tomorrow, I don't see them lasting another 60."

UT has already invested \$250,000 in the project for an assessment of the tracks, Romberg said. She said this includes a plan by a stone conservation company to do all the work necessary to treat the tracks and place them inside an environmentally controlled building.

"Though \$40,000 is not a sufficient amount or may not seem like a lot of money, it will get the ball rolling for corporate funding to get started in a nice way," Romberg said. "Our ultimate goal is to raise another \$700,000."

The dinosaur tracks will be removed from their current building outside the Texas Memorial Museum and moved to their own environmentally safe exhibit in the museum.

"The tracks will be chemically stabilized and treated in such a way that stabilizes any current damage," Theriot said. "We want to bring them inside the museum and create a nice exhibit and put them in a sit where there is less humidity and temperature fluctuation."

Health sciences sophomore Jessica Weldon, who loves learning about dinosaurs, said taking care of the tracks is a necessary part of preserving historical sites associated with UT.

"Growing up, dinosaurs and fossils fascinated me, and one of my favorite memories is of going to see the Glen Rose tracks with my dad," Weldon said. "I'm glad a new generation of aspiring paleontologists will get to enjoy these tracks in a more suitable environment."

Killer of 7-year-old child put to death

By Michael Graczyk
The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A convicted sex offender was put to death Wednesday evening for slipping into a San Antonio apartment in the middle of the night, snatching a 7-year-old girl and raping and strangling her.

Guadalupe Esparza, 46, asked for forgiveness before Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials administered lethal drugs into his arms.

"I hope you will find peace in your heart," he said to relatives of his victim, Alyssa Maria Vasquez, as they watched through a window a few feet from him. "My sympathy goes out to you. I hope you find it in your heart to forgive me. I don't know why all of this happened."

Just minutes earlier, the child's mother, Diana Berlanga, had entered the death chamber, saw Esparza on the gurney with needles in his arms and said, "He's going to get what he deserves."

As the drugs took effect, Esparza appeared to go to sleep, taking several breaths before all movement stopped. He was pronounced dead at 6:21 p.m. CST — 11 minutes after the drugs were administered.

Appeals were exhausted and no late legal maneuvers were made to keep Esparza from becoming the 13th Texas inmate to be put to death by the state this year. A clemency petition was rejected Monday by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Alyssa's battered body was found in weeds behind a convenience store near her home hours after she was reported missing in June 1999. A baby sitter who discovered her gone identified Esparza as having visited the residence earlier that night. Berlanga, the girl's mother, told authorities at the time that she met Esparza at a bar and he'd been calling her even though she'd given him the brushoff.

Police went to Esparza's apartment about two miles away and found some blood-spattered clothing of his in a trash bin. Semen on the slain girl's body was linked to him through DNA test-

ing, and Esparza was charged with capital murder.

"He tried to blame it on somebody else," Terry McDonald, one of his trial lawyers, said. "He was not a very repentant individual ... just a constant denial that it wasn't him, the facts to the contrary."

A judge who authorized a review of DNA in the case was told last week the findings were consistent with the evidence during Esparza's 2001 trial, where his attorneys had challenged the validity of the results.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review claims he was mentally impaired and ineligible for execution. Last month, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals rejected an attempt to renew that claim and others questioning whether he had effective legal help at his trial.

Investigators determined that blood on Esparza's clothing retrieved from the trash was his and not the slain girl's. But a Bexar County Jail inmate testified Espar-

za told him he got rid of the clothing because he didn't want detectives to think the blood came from the child. The Court of Criminal Appeals, in a 2003 ruling upholding his conviction and death sentence, said the discarded clothing provided some evidence of his awareness of guilt and the timing of his action showed knowledge of the crime.

Esparza, against the advice of his lawyers, twice took the stand at his five-day murder trial, defiantly responding to prosecutors' questions and accusing them of coaching witnesses.

"He had a very inflated opinion of his abilities to con people," McDonald said.

Esparza had been convicted in the past for assault, sexual assault and cocaine possession.

His execution is likely the last one this year in Texas, the nation's most active capital punishment state. The 13 executions this year are the lowest number the state has seen in 15 years.

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UGS town hall addresses college concerns

By Shreya Banerjee
Daily Texan Staff

While the myth about first-year signature courses disappearing has been dispelled for now, many freshmen are concerned about transferring to other colleges within UT.

The School of Undergraduate Studies held a town hall forum open to all UT students, staff and faculty on Wednesday evening to discuss problems students were facing. One such issue is that UT may no longer require students to take a UGS or first-year signature course. UGS associate dean Larry Abraham said that negotiations were taking place to ensure that the UGS courses would still be required.

"As of now, the UGS course will be fine," Abraham said.

Students discussed the fact that they were not sure how to go about changing their majors. The lack of information on past transfers to other colleges, such as the McCombs School of Business, was cited as a problem.

Another concern raised during the forum was the fact that the process of transferring out of the

School of Undergraduate Studies is not fully understood by high school seniors applying to UT. Dean of UGS Paul Woodruff said that he would work with the UGS

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— Paul Woodruff,
Dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies

advisers during their retreat next semester to try to clarify the mission of the School of Undergraduate Studies.

"We want to provide students with a life boat, with resources that they can use, before things get dif-

ficult," Paul Woodruff said.

Woodruff said another problem facing students was that some courses are restricted to students in that major, so other students interested in the major cannot take those courses. Woodruff used the example of some engineering classes being restricted to engineering majors only, which prevents other students interested in engineering from taking them.

Along with some other students at the forum, Woodruff said that raising awareness about courses available at UT the summer before freshman year may help students with their degree plans as well as decrease the six-year graduation rate at UT, the number of years it takes a great majority of students to graduate.

Truc Nguyen, financial director of the UGS council, said Wednesday's forum was the best one the council has hosted so far, especially since the turnout was one of the largest it's had.

"It's good to have students and faculty together to discuss how to attack these problems and hear their ideas," Nyugen said.



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Paul Woodruff, dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies, and Larry Abraham, associate dean, held a forum allowing students to openly express their frustrations with the undergraduate studies program.

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BAYLOR

Longhorns sweep Bears with balanced attack

Texas spreads ball around, gets strong performance from rookie setter Hutson

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

Nothing seems to be able to slow down this Texas squad, not even a hungry and motivated bear.

Baylor (18-12, 5-9 Big 12) came into the match fighting for a spot in the NCAA tournament, but No. 9 Texas (19-4, 12-1 Big 12) controlled the pace of play, even after a very sluggish start in the first set. Winning the match in straight sets (25-23, 25-19, 25-16) on Wednesday night at Gregory Gym.

Texas received a very balanced performance from its whole squad, getting great production from the bench, while spreading the kills around. When it was all said and done, this approach worked great for the Longhorns, hitting a respectable 71 percent for the match.

Freshman Madelyn Hutson really stood out on the floor for Texas — and not just because of her 6-foot-5 height. She had an excellent attacking game, hitting .750 while putting down six kills.

“Maddie was fast in her approach, which is something that we always get on her in practice,” said head coach Jerritt Elliott. “Her speed and trusting her speed because there is a big result for slide hitters when they are able to do that.”

Hutson also showed a really strong connection with backup setter Michelle Kocher, as the ball always seemed to be set in just the right spot for Hutson to finish when Kocher set for her.

“We (Hutson and Kocher) had a really good connection, and tonight, it just flowed really smoothly,” Hutson said.

The Longhorns played well, but they struggled to deal with an energetic Baylor squad early on in



Senior outside hitter Amber Roberson spikes the ball on Wednesday night against Baylor. Roberson finished the match with two kills and three digs.



Baylor couldn't stop Haley Eckerman and the Longhorns at Gregory Gym on Wednesday night.

Longhorns start out slow for second straight game but rebound to beat BU

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

In the Longhorns' last two games, the team has not started out the way they had hoped.

The first set of Wednesday's game against Baylor was a tough battle. There were eight lead changes, and Texas was down 23-21 at the end of the match. But a four-point run that included two kills by Haley Eckerman gave the Longhorns the win they needed in the first set.

Although it won the set, Texas' numbers were not what the team has been accustomed to at this point in the season. The Horns hit .227 with seven errors.

“Our goal is to keep our errors low, and we had too many errors in game one and, therefore, went into kind of a battle,” said head coach Jerritt Elliott.

When the Longhorns were down 23-21, Elliott called a time-out and was more stern with the team than usual. He was pleased with how they responded and how they came back, though.

“They were just kind of questioning themselves and

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PRESS BOX OBSERVATIONS

THREE OBSERVATIONS FROM TEXAS' WIN OVER BAYLOR

[BY LAUREN GIUDICE & CHRIS HUMMER]

Fresh faces come in for Texas

With the loss of Khat Bell, Gregory Gym has seen some fresh faces playing on the court. Sophomore middle blocker Haley Cameron and senior setter Michelle Kocher both played Wednesday night, and the team didn't miss a step. Kocher had 11 assists in the game.

“They have a trust, and they compete every single day, and they understand different rules and how they go about that,” said head coach Jerritt Elliott. “We have confidence in what these players can do.”

The team is 3-0 without Khat Bell and is adjusting well to changes in their lineup.

Rachael Adams sets record

Rachael Adams sealed her name in Texas volleyball record books on Wednesday. She had her 1,300th career attack. This made her eligible for Texas' career hitting charts.

She is now No. 1 all-time at Texas with a .429 attack per-

centage. She passed Brandy Magee and Lauren Paolini's records of .373.

The senior has continually led the team and remains consistent through every game. She finished the game against Baylor with eight kills.

Allison still starting setter but Kocher plays well

In Texas' last match against Kansas State, starting setter Hannah Allison struggled in the first set, and was replaced by Michelle Kocher.

Kocher came in and performed well, spurring Texas to a win, putting up 39 assists in the game, to Allison's 15.

Against Baylor, Allison regained the starting role and performed well. She had 27 assists in the game, and when she was in the game, Texas' attack-

ing game flowed well.

However, in the third set, Kocher came in the game and also played above average ball, assisting on 11 Texas points, while showing a strong connection with outside hitter Madelyn Hutson. The battle for the setters spot will be an interesting one to watch as the season winds down, as both players are setting very solidly.

THE STAT GUY

Kansas State presents problem for UT



By Hank South
Daily Texan Columnist

Texas is used to success. The Longhorns football program is unlike most teams in the country. It gets the best recruits, it has the best facilities, and it has the top coaches. A majority of programs would love to have merely one of the three. With the exception of the 2010 season, not many teams have come in the way of the Longhorns in the past decade. Occasionally, a Sooner roadblock or a

last-second Red Raider miracle will upend Texas' season but never on a consistent basis.

However, not since 2003 have the Longhorns defeated the Kansas State Wildcats.

Their last win came eight years ago when quarterback Vince Young established himself as the go-to guy, replacing quarterback Chance Mock in Texas's 24-20 victory. The Longhorns only faced the Wildcats twice every four years in the old format of the Big 12, leading some to believe the Kansas State victories were flukes. Regardless, Texas was favored in two of the

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Colt McCoy is helped off the field after being injured against Kansas State in 2007. The quarterback was unable to lead Texas past the Wildcats, who have beaten the Longhorns three games in a row.

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NFL



Cowboys wide receiver Laurent Robinson celebrates a touchdown in Dallas' win over Buffalo on Sunday. Robinson has filled in nicely for Miles Austin and has outplayed expectations in 2011.

Robinson surprises Dallas with strong performance

By Jamie Aron
The Associated Press

IRVING — When the Dallas Cowboys signed Laurent Robinson at the start of this season, they figured they were getting a serviceable third receiver. His career numbers warned them not to expect much: four NFL seasons, four touchdown catches.

Then Robinson got hurt in his first practice. He missed the opener and was cut days later, written off as another low-risk move that didn't pan out.

But a week later, Miles Austin hurt his hamstring. Needing another receiver, the Cowboys brought Robinson back — and they may not be enjoying a midseason revival without him.

Robinson has matched his career touchdown total with four in the past three games, tying him for second on the club. He's already set a career best with 441 yards, good for third on the team. His 27 catches are approaching a career high and are fourth on the Cowboys (5-4).

"It's all about opportunity," Robinson said Wednesday. "You've got to be patient and wait for your turn. My turn, I guess, is now."

While rookie running back DeMarco Murray has deservedly commanded attention for what he's brought to the offense, Robinson's performance is almost as important and possibility more stunning. After all, Murray was a third-round pick and a star at Oklahoma. Robinson was the veteran averaging a touchdown per season.

"The more you play, the better you get if you go about it the right way," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. "He's certainly taking advantage of this chance."

Robinson's role keeps changing. He's been the No. 3 receiver he

initially was expected to be and also a starter in place of Austin, opposite Dez Bryant.

Sure, he's benefited by defenses worrying more about Bryant, tight end Jason Witten and, of late, Murray. But Robinson is also getting open and making catches.

"I'm just comfortable in the offense," Robinson said. "I'm playing fast, not thinking too much, just going out there and playing confident."

The 6-foot-2, 194-pound Robinson was a third-round pick by Atlanta in 2007. He spent two years with the Falcons, then the past two in St. Louis. Injuries kept him from fulfilling his potential.

He was with the Chargers in training camp when they held several joint practices with the Cowboys, followed by a preseason game. Dallas coaches liked what they saw and signed him after San Diego made him a late cut.

Once Robinson finally got onto the practice field in Dallas, Tony Romo was dealing with a broken rib. That made it tough to build a quarterback-receiver bond. Somehow, they did, as evidenced by Robinson catching seven passes for 116 yards in his second game with the Cowboys.

The bond has grown quickly. Over the past two games, eight balls have been thrown his way, and he's caught them all. That includes touchdowns of 58, 6 and 5 yards.

The short TDs are especially significant because both came on third downs. Dallas has struggled to finish drives inside the 10-yard line and might have again had to settle for field goals without Romo trusting Robinson and Robinson rewarding him with the clutch catch.

"It's hard to do what Laurent has done," Witten said. "To come in the middle of the year at a skill position in our offense, a system that

has been in place for five years, it's not always easy to do. To make the plays that he's made consistently, it really speaks volumes about him, his knowledge of the game and understanding coverages. He's done a great job getting on the same page as Tony."

Garrett, a former quarterback, said Robinson is "quarterback-friendly with how he runs routes." The Princeton grad then gave a detailed explanation of what that means.

"Some guys just somehow, somehow present themselves to the quarterback where it's easy to throw to him," Garrett said. "Whether it's just that they're tight at the top of their route or they come out of their breaks at the right depth, come out of breaks at the right angle, they're a big target. They're consistent, not herky-jerky."

Then Garrett switched to a baseball analogy, comparing it to the baseball pitcher who's ERA is drastically lower with a particular catcher.

"I don't really know the specifics of why and how that works, but I know that at the end of it, they like throwing to him," Garrett said.

Robinson had a far less technical description of his way of doing things: "I'm just trying to go out there and be in the right spot, catch the ball and make plays."

As for his recent touchdown streak, Robinson said he hasn't had anything like it since he was in college at Illinois State. He also noted that was the last time he wore No. 81, which he's wearing again in Dallas. Fans may remember Romo throwing a lot of touchdown passes to another No. 81: Terrell Owens.

"I've gotten a lot of heat, like, 'Oh, you're wearing 81,'" Robinson said, laughing. "I'm not thinking about that. I'm just trying to make plays."

MLB

Astros heading to American League in 2013

By Kristie Rieken
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Major League Baseball told Houston businessman Jim Crane it would not approve his purchase of the Astros unless he agreed to move the team to the American League, The Associated Press has learned.

Crane was forced to agree to move the sale along, a person familiar with the negotiations said Wednesday on condition of anonymity because no official announcement has been made by MLB or the Astros. Approval of the sale could be announced as early as Thursday at a meeting of baseball executives in Milwaukee.

Crane reportedly agreed to the move in exchange for a drop in the sales price valued earlier this year at \$680 million. The person who spoke to the AP could not confirm the sales price.

"We'll let baseball talk about that," current owner Drayton McLane said Wednesday night. "There were a lot of adjustments, so we'll just

wait and see what they have to say [Thursday]."

The players' association believes two 15-team leagues would create a more proportionate schedule and has urged baseball to make the switch. With schedules for next season already completed, the earliest such a move could take place is 2013.

Time is running out for approval of the Astros deal: Crane has said that his offer, which was announced on May 16, expires Nov. 30.

Messages were left seeking from Major League Baseball, but Commissioner Bud Selig did address the Astros' situation during a Twitter chat on Monday.

"For 15/15 realignment, Houston would be the team moving to AL West. Would create more fairness in baseball," Selig tweeted via the Colorado Rockies' feed. He also added that "15 teams in each league would necessitate interleague play every day but it will be better schedule overall."

The Astros currently play in the six-team NL Central. The AL West

is the only league in the majors with four teams (Rangers, Angels, Athletics and Mariners).

McLane said it will be difficult, at least at first, to see his team in the other league.

"I've always been a National League fan," he said. "Change is a big part of my life and what I've tried to do in business. I think it's going to be interesting to see the American League teams come in and getting a rivalry with the Rangers. That won't be too bad. It's going to be good."

The move would put the Astros in the same division as Texas. But fans are unhappy the other three teams are all on the West Coast, meaning many road games would routinely end past midnight Central time.

Rangers president Nolan Ryan, who pitched for the Astros during his Hall of Fame career, said he has some of the same feelings as McLane.

"I grew up an Astros fan and I look at the Astros as a National League team," Ryan said.

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three meetings since its 2003 victory, only to fall short all three times.

From Texas' season collapsing in Manhattan in 2006 to the Wildcats punishing an already-struggling team last season, the Longhorns have had their fair share of difficulties with Kansas State. And Saturday might not prove any different.

In 2006, the Longhorns were on the cusp of the national championship game for a second consecutive year. Texas ranked fourth in the AP poll and traveled to the "Little Apple" behind redshirt freshman quarterback Colt Mc-

Coy, destined to defeat the Wildcats with ease. After an early Longhorn touchdown, McCoy left the game with an injury. Quarterback Jevan Snead entered the game and kept Texas in it, passing for 190 yards and a touchdown. However, Kansas State proved too much for the Longhorns to handle. Behind quarterback Josh Freeman's three touchdowns and 269 yards passing, the Wildcats shocked the Longhorns 45-42.

In 2007, with revenge on its minds, Texas welcomed Kansas State to Austin only to receive a 41-21 beat down at the hands of

receiver Jordy Nelson. The Wildcats lost the yardage battle 272-330, but completely baffled Texas with special teams and defensive plays, registering three touchdowns off those alone.

This Saturday, Kansas State returns to Austin, with one of the most threatening rushing attacks in the country. Quarterback Collin Klein is averaging 100 yards a game on the ground and is fresh off of running for five touchdowns against the Aggies this past weekend. Texas will certainly have its hands full against the Wildcats and its grind-it-out offense.

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questioning their commitment to doing the things that we train for every single day," Elliott said. "We had different people missing assignments, and if we could get them on the same page and do the things the way we do it, then we're going to be successful."

Although the set didn't go smoothly, the team's winning streak continues.

Senior middle blocker Rachael Adams said the momentum the team gained from the first-set win helped the team continue for the

rest of the game.

"That was really important because, obviously, we were kind of coming from behind," Adams said. "It gave us that confidence to go into the second set and just be able to turn it around, and they didn't have that confidence."

In their game against Kansas last Saturday, the Longhorns dropped the first set to the Wildcats. Earlier in the season, the Longhorns defeated the Wildcats with ease, 3-0. In the first set of that game, Texas had .348 hitting.

"Our last two matches in the first game, we haven't played well," Elliott said. "We've been a little jittery and not expecting teams to be successful, and I think, in both of those first games, it's been more about what we've been doing. We've been making a lot of errors."

It is unclear what has caused these rough starts for the Longhorns, but with three games left in Big 12 play, including one against Oklahoma, the team's first sets definitely have room for improvement.

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the first set. The pace of play was slow, with each team calling two time outs in the set, something that rarely happens in the collegiate game. Texas was able to pull the set out late on a 4-2 run, aided by a set-ending pair of errors from the Bears to eke out a win.

From there, Texas took control of the match, hitting a much higher percentage in the final two sets. The team dominated the second set and made quick work of a Baylor squad that seemed to have lost its motivation after falling in such a closely contested first set. Texas won the

second 25-19 in a quick-moving contest and did so without any errors, a huge improvement over the seven errors it had in the first.

"We had zero hitting errors in game two and only one in game three after seven in game one, and ultimately, in there, relays the results of playing well," Elliott said.

The third set was much of the same for Texas as they continued to control play, despite starting the set with only two starters on the floor. The Longhorns took the set 25-16 and really finished off the Bears without much of a whimper, de-

spite their loud bark at the beginning of the match.

It was Texas' 11th-straight win in the Big 12, and while other teams are getting weaker as the stress and wear and tear of the season goes on, Texas seems to be hitting its stride.

"This is a very tough time of the year for a lot of teams, as they have been going since August," Elliott said. "Keeping them balanced both physically and mentally is key and letting them be fresh, and I've been pleased with what they have been doing because they understand that responsibility."

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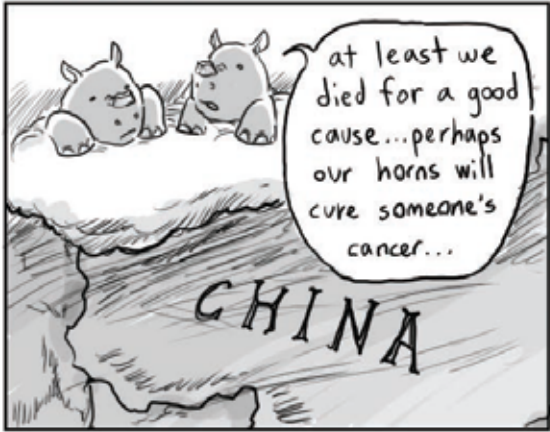
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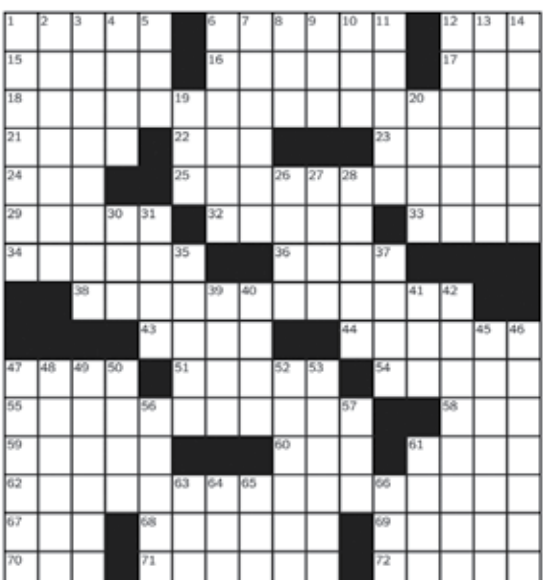
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Gilbert's arrival at Texas was a highly anticipated one and after a two-touchdown performance against Alabama in the national title game two seasons ago, expectations for him rose to astronomical levels. Despite the lack of a productive running game or a reliable offensive line, Longhorn fans' animosity for Gilbert grew as they witnessed their team go 5-7 in the program's worst season since 1997.

"The expectations were not too high," Gilbert said. "At Texas, every year, it's 10 wins, national championship or bust. I knew that when I came to school here. I knew that [expectations] would be part of it when I came here."

The last ball Gilbert ever threw for the Longhorns was an incomplete against Brigham Young, which moved his stat line that day to 2-for-8 with two interceptions. As he headed toward the sideline — where he would stay for the remainder of the game — a chorus of boos rained down upon him.

"Did I hear them? Oh yeah, I heard them," Gilbert said. "It's a loud stadium. You're going to hear it. It didn't bother me or affect me, but you hear them when you're out there. I try to let it go in one ear and out the other."

That's the final time the home crowd saw Gilbert. He made the trip up to UCLA, but, demoted to third-string on the depth chart, didn't play. A week later, he announced he would get surgery to repair the right shoulder injury he says he suffered against Rice in Texas' opener. A week after that, Gilbert announced he planned to transfer.

"I decided it was best for me," Gilbert said. "Maybe in the future, I could look back and say that maybe I could have stayed here. Right now, I'm looking forward."

It didn't take long for Gilbert to choose his next destination. Gilbert said he took one look at Southern Methodist University and made up his mind. He had briefly considered Clemson, where his former high school head coach Chad Morris serves as offensive coordinator. But with sophomore Tajh Boyd firmly entrenched as the starting quarterback, Gilbert, who will have two years of eligibility after sitting out next year, decided against playing for the Tigers and chose instead to play for June Jones in his pass-happy offense.

"I fell in love with SMU," Gilbert said. "June Jones has brought in a great attitude to the program. He's gotten them to three straight bowls, so they're doing very well. They've got that attitude where they feel like they should win every game."

Meanwhile, the timing of Gilbert's decision to transfer was questioned by some who believed he strategically chose to leave the program in time to claim a med-

ical redshirt. After he announced his intentions to leave the program, message boards blew up, criticizing Gilbert for his performance and wondering why he never met expectations. The University Co-op cut No. 7 jersey prices in half. It was a business move, but it served as yet another reminder of the demands and expectations Longhorn quarterbacks face. Gilbert made an effort not to read what was being said about him but sometimes couldn't help it.

"It was frustrating last year," he said. "I know I'd accidentally read stuff sometimes. I tried not to. I tried to stay away from it."

Co-offensive coordinator Major Applewhite, who played quarterback for the Longhorns from 1998-2001, can empathize with Gilbert's situation.

"Playing quarterback here, it's an awful lot of responsibility," Applewhite said. "The best thing is to be naive about the pressure, which I played off pretty well."

Texas is bowl eligible, a feat that it couldn't achieve a year ago, and has established a strong ground game following a season that saw the Longhorns unsuccessfully attempt to install an effective one. That's mainly due to the arrival of tailbacks Malcolm Brown and Joe Bergeron, the type of running backs Gilbert never had the luxury of playing with.

"We kind of had a mid-season transformation [in 2010]," Gilbert said. "[Running the ball] was something that we tried to do, and last year it didn't work out as well as we wanted it to. This year, they're doing a great job of running the ball."

Texas' passing attack has had its ups and downs since Gilbert's departure. Case McCoy played well against UCLA, only to be usurped as starting quarterback three games later by David Ash, who struggled last week against Missouri. Gilbert watches all the games and roots for Texas, but he's not in the business of wondering "what if."

"It's easy to be a guy who judges," Gilbert said. "I'm sure during practice or during the first two games, David's saying, 'Oh, I can make that pass.'"

Bryan Harsin, Texas' co-offensive coordinator, has said something a few times this year that sums up the kind of pressure quarterbacks face, especially those at a high-profile, championship-or-bust program like the one at Texas. Gilbert repeated it.

"It's something I've known since Pop Warner," Gilbert said. "As a quarterback, you're always going to be a guy who gets too much credit and you're also always going to be a guy who gets too much blame."

That, unfortunately, was especially true for Garrett Gilbert.



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Garrett Gilbert scans the field during the BCS National Championship game against Alabama in 2010. Gilbert, a freshman at the time, replaced an injured Colt McCoy in the game but Texas lost, 37-21.

Gilbert sits down with The Daily Texan

Garrett Gilbert sat down with The Daily Texan for an exclusive interview, discussing his time at Texas, high expectations and his future at Southern Methodist University.

Daily Texan: Did you think about finishing your football career and competing for the starting position here?

Garrett Gilbert: It was a very tough decision. I thought about it a lot. I prayed about it a lot. I just decided that this was best for me. Maybe in the future, I could look back and say that maybe I should have stayed. Right now, I'm looking forward. I'm excited about the opportunity that SMU will bring.

DT: SMU plays TCU every year between now and 2015. What's it going to be like playing against your little brother, Griffin?

Gilbert: It'll be fun. We'll never be playing against each other being on the field at the same time. But we've already got a little family rivalry going, so it'll be fun for me to get to go against him and for us to get to compete against each other for the first time.

We've always been at Lake Travis growing up being on the same time. It'll be fun to compete against each other in an organized setting.

DT: What was the worst moment during your time at Texas?

Gilbert: As much as last year can be used as a learning experience, there's also negatives to it. Being unsuccessful and being part of a team that broke the 10-win streak wasn't very fun. As a team, we struggled to get through that together. The guys that are still there I know use it very much like I did as motivation and as a learning experience. I think that's going to help them and helped them have the success they've had. Also, watching Colt [McCoy] go down in the national championship. Being able to learn so much from him was a great opportunity for me, but it was tough to watch because he definitely deserved the national championship.

DT: Were you told not to read anything about you?

Gilbert: Nothing good can come out of reading good stuff about you, and obviously, nothing good can come out of reading bad stuff about you. They tell us stay away from the media, but it's just a matter of staying focused on what's important and understanding that outside, most

of the time, it's their job to put something out there that people will read. You've got to understand that and understand that it won't be beneficial to you.

DT: What are you going to miss most about, not just playing for Texas, but being in Austin?

Gilbert: Austin's my home. It'll be different being away from home for the first time. I love the city of Austin. I love being close to home. I love Texas. I love the Longhorns, and I love my teammates. And I'll miss all of that. It'll be tough for me, but it's something that I have to do.

DT: Do you think you'll be the starter at SMU?

Gilbert: I don't know. My goal right now is to go up there and get to know the guys, learn the most I can about the offense, learn as much as I can from June Jones and be the best teammate and leader I

can be. After that, I can start worrying about competing for a job. Wherever I would have gone, there would have been competition.

DT: How's the shoulder? Gilbert: It's doing well. I'm getting range of motion back. I'm working on the rehab every day. It's a long process.

DT: Can you throw? Gilbert: No, not yet. Hopefully, I'll get to start in a month or so. That'll be a process, too. It's just going to take a little bit of time.

DT: What's your lasting memory of Texas?

Gilbert: I'll forever be a Longhorn fan. I'm very fortunate for the opportunity I was given. I'm going to look back on it positively. I'm thankful for the opportunity I was given to play football here because this is my dream. I'll always be a fan of the Texas Longhorns.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Solution: 9 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Felicity

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Animal intuitive offers unique pet communication

By Sara Benner
Daily Texan Staff

The best way to build and maintain a relationship is through a steady flow of communication. Marti Miller, pet psychologist and intuitive, offers her services as an intermediary between pets and pet owners.

Miller utilizes her talents to solve pets' behavioral issues. Though these practices are unorthodox, she maintains a sizable following in Austin.

"People either call me because they're at their wit's end [with their pet's bad behavior] or they're open to exploring something different," Miller said.

She claims to have had intuitive talents since she was a young girl, but she didn't begin working with animals until after her cat, Cubby, passed away in 1994. At the time she was in her second year of graduate school pursuing a master's degree in spiritual psychology at The University of Santa Monica.

"I believe we all can do it," Miller said. "It's just a matter of tuning in to your intuition. When I work with an animal, I'll get a feeling, or I'll get pictures, or sometimes I'll get words. When that information comes forward, I have to trust it and put it out there, [and say] this is what I'm getting."

After she completed her master's degree, she relocated to Austin to pursue her passion for the well-being of animals. She has communication experience with dogs, cats, birds, reptiles and fish.

In a recent case, Miller talked to a dog that was marking inside his owner's home after the owner adopted a new dog.

"They didn't consult with him about bringing in another dog,"



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Marti Miller is a pet psychologist with clients all over North America and Canada who depend on her to give them advice on calming their pets. "There are times when they'll call me, and I have to give them instructions over the phone," she said.

Miller said, raising her voice to illustrate the dog's emotions. "It was like, 'You didn't even ask! So piss on you!'"

Though she has not yet conducted her follow-up with the owner, usually after she communicates and addresses an animal's complaint, she claims the unwanted behavior ceases.

"Usually, once we talk, they quit. It's just like talking to a toddler, really," Miller said.

When she communicates with

animals, she does it one of two ways, either over the phone or in person. While on the phone with a pet owner, she asks him or her to look at and describe the physical characteristics of the pet. While the owner focuses on the pet, Miller said she is able to tap into the pet and communicate with it.

"I work on the belief that there's no separation. There's no separation between me and this table, that plant, anything. Because

they're focused on their animal, it bridges any kind of gap or separation there may be, so as long as they're focused, I can communicate with the animal," Miller said. In addition to communicating with pets, she also offers pet-sitting and lost pet services.

"Finding a lost animal is really hard to do because the owner's hurting, and I don't want to have to tell them their pet is dead. [To find an animal,] I have to actually go into the animal and see

through their eyes where they are," Miller said.

For a communication session, she charges \$2 a minute over the phone and for an hour long house call, she charges \$150. As for her pet-sitting services, she charges \$20 to 25 for a 30-minute visit and \$60 for an overnight stay.

When faced with incredulity from potential clients about her profession, Miller shrugs it off.

"Have them call me. I'll make them a believer," she said.

WEEKEND

WHAT: Free Thursdays at the Blanton
WHEN: Today at 10 a.m.
WHERE: The Blanton Museum of Art
ADMISSION: Free

Every third Thursday of the month, the Blanton Museum is free to the public. Take advantage of some art today and check out the museum's permanent galleries and latest exhibitions. For more information on these exhibits, check out The Daily Texan's coverage.

WHAT: Ghostland Observatory at ACL Live
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.
WHERE: Moody Theater
ADMISSION: \$20-\$50

With high demand for shimmering sonic band Ghostland Observatory, ACL Live is giving fans an extra night of the local duo, known for their funky, poppy compositions of electronic beats. The first 300 fans of Friday's show will receive an invitation to the band's after-party.

WHAT: GWAR
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.
WHERE: The Marchesa Hall & Theatre
ADMISSION: \$18-\$20

Heavy metal satirical rock band GWAR is thrashing out and stomping Austin's grounds at Marchesa Hall this Friday. Complete with over-the-top sci-fi costumes, obscene lyrics and controversial themes to its acts, the night with GWAR will be anything but ordinary.

WHAT: Holiday Tree Lighting at The Domain
WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
WHERE: The Domain
ADMISSION: Free

With more than 6,000 lights, 400 ornaments and a 5-foot star topper, the Domain will light its 40-foot Christmas tree Saturday night. The all day seasonal affair will include a performance from NBC's "The Voice" finalist Nakia.

MOVIE REVIEW METROPOLIS

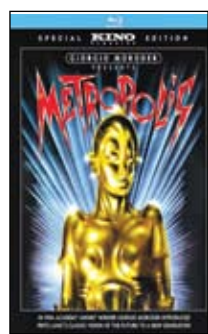
Silent movie remastered, released on Blu-ray

By Robert Starr
Daily Texan Staff

"Metropolis" is one of those movies that any cineast should see before he or she dies. It's a remarkable piece of work, released at the tail end of the silent period of cinema and featuring non-stop awe-inspiring visuals, though the coherency of the story depends on which version of the movie you watch.

Though it's considered a classic, "Metropolis" hasn't been well cared for, and until very recently, the home video releases have left much to be desired. Last year, Kino video released what will likely be the most complete version of the movie possible, fully restored and looking as good as it possibly could.

However, for many viewers, that's not the movie they remem-



Giorgio Moroder Presents Metropolis
Fritz Lang

Genre: Sci-Fi
Runtime: 82 Minutes
For those who like:
New Wave Music, Expressionistic Silent Movies

Grade: B

ber. Back in 1984, music producer Giorgio Moroder helped restore an 80-minute version of "Metropolis," supplementing it with color-tinting, subtitles to replace intertitles and a new soundtrack featuring Pat Benatar, Freddie Mercury and Bonnie Tyler among others.

Kino has now released that version on Blu-ray, and while it's not

a substitute for their "Complete Metropolis" release, it's not quite the heresy that devoted fans of the movie might claim it is. For whatever reason, the very '80s soundtrack works for the movie. Some of the specific songs may not match up perfectly, but on the whole, they provide an interesting and unique experience.

The Moroder version of "Metropolis" is more than an hour shorter than the "Complete Metropolis" and doesn't look as good on Blu-ray. It's not as detailed a transfer, and the original film elements aren't in pristine shape, either, resulting in a picture with quite a bit of dirt and debris on it. Still, for a 25-year-old restoration of an 80-year-old movie, it looks pretty good.

The soundtrack, for those who appreciate the genre, comes through loud and clear on the included DTS HD 5.1 track. Purists may opt for the lossless 2.0 track that is also included, though true purists will probably avoid this release altogether.

The release also features extras in the form of a documentary on the restoration of the movie, trailers for both the Moroder and Complete versions of "Metropolis" and a brief gallery of promotional images.

This is something of a tough sell. Fans of silent movies are probably best off sticking to the "Complete Metropolis" release, unless they're also fans of '80s era music. For those who fall into that niche, though, this is a very good release of an odd moment in cinema history. Strange as it may be, "Giorgio Moroder Presents Metropolis" works, and it's wonderful to have it available in a high-definition format.

Website to compile real-life aspects of novels

By Ali Breland
Daily Texan Staff

The inherent nature of the novel is to exist in a realm beyond reality. As members of reality ourselves, we often try to escape into the highly idealized realm of fiction. Small Demons offers an interesting means to break down the dichotomy between the world we are in and the worlds we want to be in.

The general idea of *smalldemons.com*, which is still in beta testing, is to extract and aggregate all of the details of a novel that exist in real life. Places, restaurants, music, people and movies all fit into this. Details are then placed into the easily navigated design of Small Demons in what the website calls a Storyverse. Each novel has its own Storyverse, which is connectable to others that share the same details. Small Demons has plans for a sort of geo-social networking system similar to Four-square with its twist toward an emphasis on books.

The idea came about when Valla Vakili, one of the company's founders, was reading the book "Total Chaos" by Jean Claude Izzo. At the time, Vakili was a loyal drinker of Laphroaig Whisky. Vakili, a former product vice president at Yahoo!, was so swayed by Lagavulin, the main character of "Total Chaos," that he adopted his Scotch preferences and even found jazz music. Realizing the potential of these details in the story, Valla set out to create a mechanism to catalog and organize them.

Should you ever want to travel across Europe reenacting the adventures of Robert Langdon from Dan Brown's adventure novels, Small Demons makes this possible. You can look at comprehensive lists of locations as well as historical figures and themes mentioned in the book. Theoretically, you should be able look at music featured in books and create a soundtrack to your excursion. These items have yet to be cataloged given the relative youth of the website.

Small Demons aren't the only ones who see the vastly lucrative potential of what they're doing — as of May 11, they have raised \$3 million in Series A funding, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission. That happened while they were still in alpha and a vast majority of the public had no idea what their product was.

The company has come a long way since then, with a functioning beta with access available to the public, provided you sign up and wait a few days.

"At a startup, you don't wait until you've got everything done," said Richard Eoin Nash, vice president of content and community at Small Demons. "You start by letting people see what you're up to so that you can make sure you're on the right track. We've already got about 10,000 people who have requested invites."

At the moment, the book supply is limited, given Small Demons's approach of seeking partnerships with publishers instead of trying to get by off of Fair Use laws that artists such as Girl Talk use to legally justify their music.

"We didn't want to have an adversarial relationship with publishers," Nash said, "which could have been the case had we gone the fair use route."

The process of extracting and organizing details is a bit lengthy as well, as the process requires indexing by computers and then subsequent human touch-ups and corrections.

The company has plans to move out of beta testing by the holiday season and is building a larger catalog.



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Small Demons takes an inventory of all the cultural items mentioned in books and catalogs them in a similar fashion to Wikipedia.

